

1 CLAIMS

2 What is claimed is:

3 1. A system for providing automated legal audits of a business comprising a data
4 processing system having at least one computer and user interface, with software running
5 on the computer for providing at least one user with information relating to a legal audit,
6 wherein said information is selected from the group consisting of records of the
7 company's business transactions, minutes of board of directors meetings, contractual
8 agreements, licensing agreements, supplier and vendor agreements, purchase orders,
9 partnership agreements, communications with competitors, intellectual property
10 documents and registrations, and combinations thereof, and wherein the data processing
11 system further includes a database of these records having automated categorization of
12 the records in an index and/or a spreadsheet, wherein the index and/or the spreadsheet are
13 searchable by an authorized user of the system.

14 2. A method comprising the steps of
15 providing a system for providing automated legal audits of a business comprising
16 a data processing system having at least one computer and user interface, with software
17 running on the computer for providing at least one user with information relating to a
18 legal audit, wherein said information is selected from the group consisting of records of
19 the company's business transactions, minutes of board of directors meetings, contractual
20 agreements, licensing agreements, supplier and vendor agreements, purchase orders,
21 partnership agreements, communications with competitors, intellectual property
22 documents and registrations, and combinations thereof, and wherein the data processing
23 system further includes a database of these records having automated categorization of

1 the records in an index and/or a spreadsheet, wherein the index and/or the spreadsheet are
2 searchable by an authorized user of the system;

3 reviewing legal documents relating to a company's business, wherein said
4 documents are contained in electronic format in the data processing system or database;

5 summarizing legal documents in business terms;

6 overseeing the organization of all important legal documents; and

7 advising the board of directors and corporate officers and managers, thereby
8 providing the company advance notice in order to take action(s) to minimize and/or to
9 avoid litigation and to reduce legal costs for the company.

10 3. The method according to claim 2, wherein the corporate documents include
11 bylaws, minutes of meetings for the board of directors, other corporate officers, and/or
12 managers.

13 4. The method according to claim 2, wherein the business terms are readily
14 understandable by corporate officers, directors, and managers.

15 5. The method according to claim 2, wherein the advising step includes advising
16 regarding select issues, matters, and areas of potential litigation.